(c) if so, the main observations|recom-rccndations made by the Commission; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto and the action taken [proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The Supreme Court in R. K. Jain Vs. Union of India JT 1993 (3) SC- 297] had recommended that the Law Commission of India undertake a comprehensive study of the tribunals with a view to suggesting meastures for iheir improved functioning and ensuring greater independence. The Commission has undertaken the necessary study in this ' regard.

(b> No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**COMMENTS BY CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER ON CORRUPTION EST BUREAUCRACY**

3202. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA * Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware oi the comments made by the Chief Election Commissioner regarding corruption is bureaucracy as published in the Pioncer dated the 27th November, 1993;

(b) if so, whether Government have ordeitd investigation to ascertain the facts . and

(c) if 'not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The Government hat .seen the comments purportedly made by the Chief Election Commissioner as published in the Poineer dated 27th November. 1993.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The comments do not prima facie establish'an? charge of corruption against any particular officer Of the Government and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served in conducting any investigation in the matter.

**RULING OF THE SUPREME COURT EMPOWERING CHIEF JUSTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES**

3203. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VEN-KATRAMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government ire aware of recent ruling of the Supreme Court that the appointment of High Court Judges be *made* by Chief Justice of the particular High Court;

(b) if so, whether this ruling erodes thc power cf the Government in appointing High Court Judges; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to get this Judgment revers-ed/modified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) Appointment of Judges in the High Courts are made by the President of India in terms of provisions of Article 217 of the Constitution of India.

For appointments in future, the Supreme Court has prescribed certain guidelines vide their judgment dated 6-10-1993 ; in writ petition (civil) No. 1303 of 1987— Supreme Court Advocates—on-Record Association and Another Vs. Union of India. This does not require any change in the provisions of the Constitution relating to appointment of Judges of the High Courts.

**REMOVAL OF CLAUSE FROM THE HINDU MARRIAGE ACT AND SPECIAL MARRIAGE ACT.**

3204. SHRI DAVID LEDGER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased *to* State :